

1 The arguments in favor of unicameralism are con-
2 tained in our report, as are the analyses of the presentation
3 of the Committee. I should like to explain and review those
4 arguments very briefly.

5 First of all, we believe that unicameralism
6 would strengthen the legislative branch of the State govern-
7 ment. Unicameral bodies we believe would permit more
8 effective relationships between the executive and the
9 legislative branch, by permitting a unification of the
10 legislative leadership.

11 If this Convention strengthens the executive
12 branch and unifies it, if it strengthens and makes coherent
13 the judicial system of the State, it should also strengthen
14 and unify the legislature.

15 A unified executive should be counter-balanced
16 with a unified legislature. If we are to strengthen State
17 government so that the Federal system is to be preserved,
18 it is essential that the legislature which is the
19 weakest branch of State government today be made equally
20 strong with the other branches.

21 Secondly, we believe that unicameralism will